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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: STORAGE SYSTEM AND STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE

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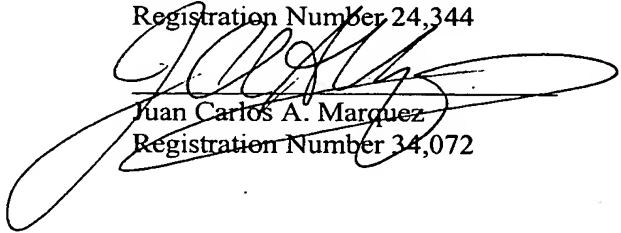
- ☒ 22 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Request for Priority to claim the priority date of September 16, 2003.
- ☒ An Unexecuted Declaration.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
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